

USFS – Stanislaus National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #7b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify the frequency of patrols.
- #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

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| Ground Operations | G17-02-19-G01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), Stewards of Stanislaus have also applied for a Ground Operations Project to work in the D51 area. Applicant needs to provide how they will ensure there is no duplication of services. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Application has significantly increased over prior year's Application. Applicant must clarify the price increase in the Project Description. California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) have also applied for a Ground Operations Project in the Stanislaus National Forest. Applicant must ensure they are not donating as match any item purchased with grant funds to CTUC if CTUC is awarded. Staff – Line Item #5, #12, and #20, Applicant must provide clarification on how costs were derived, as currently the federally approved volunteer rate is \$24.14. Contracts – “D51 Contract Crew (ACE/CCC/TCSOIC/GVCC)”, Applicant must provide additional details on how the rate was determined and explain the source of match. Contracts – “Toilet Pumping” Applicant must explain the source of match. Materials/Supplies – “Tools”, Applicant must explain the cost increase in comparison to prior year's application. Materials/Supplies – “OHV Operator Safety Gear and Personal Protective Equipment”, “EMS kits” and “vehicle breakdown kit” are indirect costs. Applicant must move to the indirect Cost Category. Materials/Supplies – “Bollards”, Applicant must provide more details on how cost were determined. Equipment Use Expense – “ATV, MC, UTV, Snowmobile Use” and “OHV Equipment Repairs” appear duplicative. Applicant must provide clarifying details for each explaining why both are needed. Equipment Purchase – “UTV”, Snow plows are not an eligible Ground Operations purchase, as they are available through the Department's Snow Program. Equipment Purchase - “Jeep Accessories”. This line item reflects the same request from prior year's application. Applicant must provide clarification as to why these items are being requested again. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting water quality”, “Providing an alternative to wet crossings...” or “Protecting special-status species”. Applicant must provide additional details/examples explaining how selections would be accomplished, The “...wet crossing...” selection is for items being created vs. maintained. | |

- #7 – The Project Cost Estimate does not support the “Paper used for trail maps...” or “Other products with recycled content...” selections. It is unclear if recycled items will be used on this Project.

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| Education and Safety | G17-02-19-S01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Applicant must clarify and clearly state the scope of the project and its Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Nexus. • A – Training an OHV Manager as a UTV Driver coach in order to certify and license Forest Service personnel is not an eligible activity under an Education and Safety grant. Applicant must remove language from the Project Description and adjust Project Cost Estimate. • A – Trail Host Program does not relate to the scope of the project. Applicant must remove language from the Project Description and adjust Project Cost Estimate. • E – Applicant must clarify how “As the Trail Turns – Environmental curriculum for Junior High Students” relates to the scope of the project and what is the OHV nexus of the program. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – All Staff line items, Applicant must identify the duties being performed for all staff line items. • Staff – “D52 OHV Manager GS-07”, Applicant must remove hours that relate to becoming being trained / certified as a UTV driver coach because it is not an eligible activity under an Education and Safety grant. • Material / Supplies – “Education Materials”, giveaways considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move to indirect items and adjust Project Cost Estimate accordingly. • Material / Supplies – “Printing of Resources”, Applicant must move line item to the other category. • Material / Supplies – “Booth Costs”, Applicant must move line item to the other category. Applicant must provide additional information for how the total cost for this line item was determined. • Equipment Use Expense – “Vehicle Use (FOR)”, Applicant must state what type of vehicle this is. • Equipment Use Expense – “Vehicle Usage (Mileage)”, Applicant must provide additional information on how the quantity of miles were determined. • Other – “UTV Driver Coach Training”, is an ineligible expense because it does not relate to the scope of the project. Applicant must remove line item. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
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- #4 – Narrative does not support selection. Activities performed by “4X4 in Motion” and “Outkast Jeepers” are not part of this project. Applicant must provide additional information how they participating in the project.
- #6 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must provide the location of the stakeholder meetings and explain how they are stakeholders to the project.
- #8 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must clarify how the methods of education relate to the scope of the project. In addition, Applicant cannot receive credit for “Other – District Office OHV display” selection because it is the same as the “Printed Media” selection.
- #9 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant needs to update response with information in evaluation criteria #8.
- #10 – Narrative does support the selection. Applicant needs to calculate the average time exposed to message for all education methods.
- #11 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must clarify if the project will provide ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation training as part of the project.